

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

Property Name: Lee Farm Inventory Number: CARR-618  
Address: Liberty Road (MD 26) (south side) Historic district: yes ☒ no  
City: east of Eldersburg Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ County: Carroll  
USGS Quadrangle(s): Finksburg  
Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Project: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency Prepared By: Emil Elinsky, DOT/FHWA  
Preparer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Prepared: 1/14/1980  
Documentation is presented in: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☒ Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended  
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G  
*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*  
Name of the District/Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible: yes Listed: yes  
Site visit by MHT Staff yes ☒ no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Property and Justification:** *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Lee farm is significant as a well preserved mid-19th century Carroll County farm in which the house, outbuildings and setting combine to afford a good example of the farms which were once more common in the area. Its integrity and large acreage are becoming increasingly rare along Liberty Road, which is rapidly undergoing development. It is also important for its historical associations with one family over the long period of 125 years.

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B ☒ C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

MHT Comments: The Lee Farm was Federally nominated for the National Register of Historic Places.

**Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services**

W. Ray Luce

**Reviewer, National Register Program**

**Date**

Wednesday, January 23, 1980

**Date**

CARR-618  
Robert Lee Farm  
Eldersburg (vicinity)

c. 1862-1877

**Summary:**

The Robert Lee Farm was purchased by Thomas Lee from the Bennet family in 1850. The purchase price of less than \$11 per acre for the 125-acre farm indicates a rather poorly kept farm with few improvements. Thomas Lee died a year later, and his will gave ". . . unto my son Robert Lee, the farm upon which I now live, after the decease of his mother, Honor Lee." The 1862 map indicates that Robert Lee was living in a house on the north side of Liberty Road. By 1877 he had apparently constructed the existing house on the south side of the road and moved there, though the earlier house survived. The house has certain features that date it to this period, and most likely to the 1870's. These include the surviving mantel in the east room and the rafter ridge framing. It would appear, however, that a great many changes have been made to the house, in the early twentieth century and in the 1950's. The 1950's kitchen, while not that old, is in excellent condition and in time will be a significant historic feature if it survives.

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CARR-618

Magi No.

DOE   yes   no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Robert Lee Farm

and/or common Lee Farm

## 2. Location

street & number 2421 Liberty Road    not for publication

city, town Eldersburg    vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>  </u> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture <u>  </u> museum
<u>  </u> building(s)	<u>  </u> private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial <u>  </u> park
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational <u>  </u> private residence
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment <u>  </u> religious
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>  </u> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government <u>  </u> scientific
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial <u>  </u> transportation
	<u>  </u> not applicable	<u>  </u> no	<u>  </u> military <u>  </u> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Howard H. Patton

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber IWS 1561

street & number 55 North Court Street folio 82

city, town Westminster state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Determination of Eligibility, National Register of Historic Places

date January 1980    federal    state    county    local

pository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville state MD

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

### Summary:

The Robert Lee Farm is located at 2421 Liberty Road. The complex is situated on a generally flat slope and consists of a frame house that faces north towards the road, and a frame shed and frame corn crib. The house is a two-story, four-bay by two-bay structure, with a two-bay by two-bay ell on the south elevation. It has a rubble stone foundation and German siding. There is a gable roof of pressed metal shingles. The east-center bay has a new door and a two-light transom. The west-center bay is covered with German siding, but apparently originally held a door. There is a four-bay, one-story porch and 6/6 sash. The first story is a two-room Pennsylvania farmhouse-plan structure, with an enclosed stairway accessed from the south end. The east room has a wood mantel on the west wall that has pilaster strips with chamfered corners and applied bosses. The frieze also has an applied boss. This room has a cornice that appears to be of run plaster. The dog-leg stair comes down into this room, but may have originally come down into the west room. The ell room has been divided to create an east-west passage towards the south with a 1950's kitchen in the north ell room. This kitchen has white metal cabinets with stainless steel handles. On the south side of the passage are a fold-up ironing board, and a bathroom with a sink that has the date "5/8/50." The second story has a center passage with a winder stair in the southeast corner that leads to the attic. There are two rooms on the east side of the house. The eastern-most room is L-shaped and wraps around on the north side of the house to give it narrow access from the center passage. The ell chamber is one room.

Contributing Resources: 3

The Robert Lee Farm is located at 2421 Liberty Road on the south side of the road approximately 1½ miles west of Liberty Reservoir and 2 miles east of Eldersburg, in southeastern Carroll County, Maryland. The complex is situated on a generally flat slope and consists of a frame house that faces north towards the road, and a frame shed and frame corn crib.

The house is a two-story, four-bay by two-bay structure, with a two-bay by two-bay ell on the south elevation. It has a rubble stone foundation and German siding with corner boards that have beaded corners. There is a gable roof of pressed metal shingles with an east-west ridge. The ell gable roof has a north-south ridge. There is a centered brick chimney in the main block, with three lightning rods along the ridge. The north elevation end bays have 6/6 sash. The east-center bay has a new door and a two-light transom. The west-center bay is covered with German siding, but apparently originally held a door. There is a four-bay, one-story porch with five boxed posts and jigsaw brackets. The porch has a

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates c. 1862–77 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period: Agriculture-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870;

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Historic Period Themes: Architecture

Resource Types: Rural vernacular

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Land Records  
1862, 1877, 1917 maps  
Thomas Lee will, JB 1-622

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 37.459 acres

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kenneth M. Short, Historic Planner

organization Carroll County Planning

date January 18, 1996

street & number 225 North Center St.

telephone (410) 857-2145

city or town Westminster

state MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Description (continued)

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half-hip roof with standing-seam metal. The second story has four typical 6/6 sash, and there is a wood box cornice with returns.

The west elevation of both the main block and ell are in the same plane. Both the first and second stories have four typical 6/6 sash. The gable end of the main block has two 2/2 sash. The ell has a wood box cornice and an interior brick chimney on the south ridge, part of which has come down. The south elevation of the ell has no openings. There is a porch in the re-entrant angle. The porch has a shed roof of standing-seam metal which slopes to the east. It also has a concrete foundation and new infill. The south end of the porch has German siding. The east elevation of the ell has a door with one light over two panels in the south bay of the first story, and a typical 6/6 sash in the north bay. The second story has two typical 6/6 sash. The south elevation of the main block is covered by the porch on the first-story east-center bay. The east bay has a typical 6/6 sash. The second story has two typical 6/6 sash. The east elevation of the main block has a new door to the cellar in an original opening centered in the foundation. This opening has stone cheek walls. The first and second stories have a typical 6/6 sash in the center, and the gable end has a 2/2 sash.

The cellar originally was only under the east half of the house, but has been dug out in the west half. The walls are plastered. There is a crawl space under the ell. The joists are mill sawn, every other one is two joists ganged together, and they have bridging and are wire nailed. There are center stairs into the cellar that were added later. Some of the flooring above is stamped on the bottom "Lockhart Ala. Made in USA Dixie". The ell appears to have the same joists.

The first story is a two-room Pennsylvania farmhouse-plan structure, with an enclosed center stairway accessed from the south end. The front door to the west room has been closed off. The east room has a wood mantel on the west wall that has pilaster strips with chamfered corners and applied bosses. The frieze also has an applied boss. It appears this was never a working fireplace. This room has a cornice that appears to be of run plaster. The dog-leg stair comes down into this room, but may have originally come down into the west room. They have square balusters and a square newel. There was once a ceiling medallion in this room. In the west room, there was apparently a fireplace on the east wall. The mantel is now gone, however. There is a cupboard on the north side of the fireplace. The window sash are hung on steel tapes that are probably spring loaded. The ell room has been divided to create an east-west passage towards the south with a 1950's kitchen in the north ell room. This kitchen has white metal cabinets with stainless steel handles. On the south side of the passage are two closets, a fold-up ironing board, and a bathroom with a sink that is cast iron and has the date "5/8/50."

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Description (continued)

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The second story has a center passage with a winder stair in the southeast corner that leads to the attic. The stair has the same balustrade around it as found at the bottom of the first story. There is one chamber on the west that has two closets on its south wall. These closets have typical four-panel doors. There are two rooms on the east side of the house. The eastern-most room is L-shaped and wraps around on the north side of the house to give it narrow access from the center passage. The doors to these two rooms are also four panels. The ell chamber is one room that also has two closets on the south wall. Between the closets is a chimney flue.

The attic rafters are mill sawn and have a half lap and peg at the ridge. They have a birdsmouth cut at the foot that laps over a false plate. The ell has an identical roof structure. The rafters support both circular sawn lath and circular sawn boards.

About 50 feet southeast of the house is a shed with a rubble stone foundation, beaded-edge-and-center, vertical-board siding, and a gable roof of standing-seam metal with an east-west ridge. There is an interior brick chimney on the east end and a one-story, two-bay by one-bay structure that is constructed primarily of 2 x 4's with some reused hewn timber. The north elevation has a door with six-light sash to the east and a door identical to the siding to the west. The west elevation has a six-light sash. The south elevation has board-and-batten siding, with a steel sash to the west, and a new 1/1 to the east. Below this 1/1 sash is a cellar entrance. The east elevation also has board-and-batten siding and a window opening.

About 200 feet south of the house is a corn crib that is raised on wood posts set on top of concrete piers. It has vertical slats and a gable roof with a north-south ridge. It has inverted-V-seam metal roofing. The north elevation has a door in the center. It is built of a circular-sawn, heavy-timber frame with mortised-and-tenoned-and-pegged joints, and 2 x 4 rafters that are mitered at the ridge.



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2421 Liberty Rd.

Lee House. Roofing profile

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ceiling

1st story  
solar  
C. room

1st story  
baseboard  
C. room

wall

1st story  
mantel  
C. room

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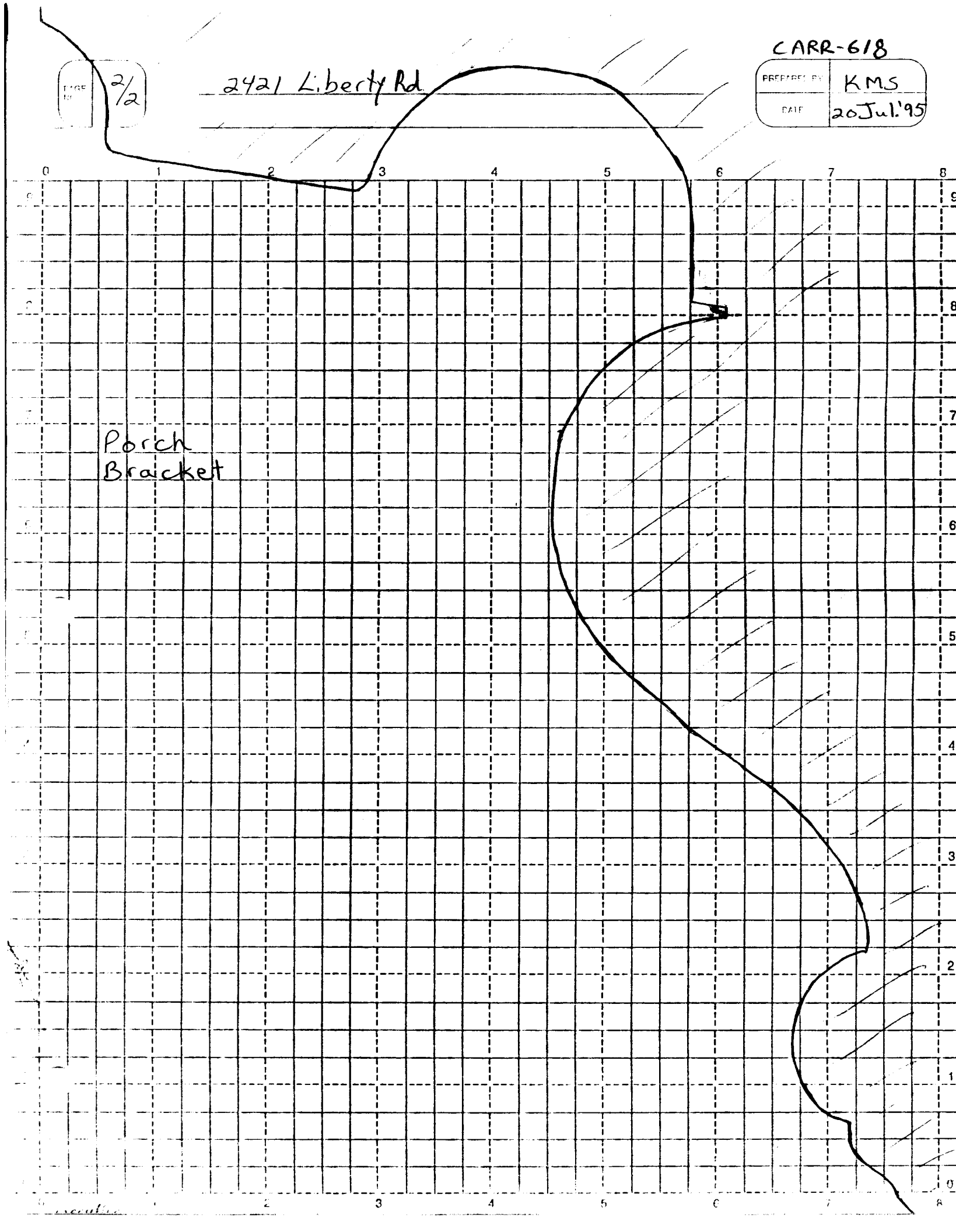
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Porch  
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Robert Lee Farm  
2421 Liberty Road

CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR	HOME COUNTY	GRANTEE	HOME COUNTY	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANS- ACTION	COMMENTS
Carolyn K. Ridenour & Carroll County Bank & Trust trustees of Maurice B. Ridenour	?	Howard H. Patton	?	1-24-1994	LWS 1561	82	Deed fee simple	37.459 acres, \$82,500, 1/2 interest now owns 100%
Howard H. Patton & Maurice B. Ridenour	Balto. County	Howard H. Patton & Maurice B. Ridenour	Balto. County	2-5-1976	615	297	Deed fee simple	\$10.00, 37.98 acres
Marjorie L. Lehnhoff	Balto. County	Maurice B. Ridenour & Howard H. Patton	Balto. County	7-15-1975	601	111	Deed fee simple	\$10.00, 37.98 acres Marjorie - only child of Elmer E. Lee
Robert E. Lee	?	Annie L. Lee (wife)(life interest) then Elmer E. Lee (life interest) then Elmer's children	?	9-6-1919	<u>wills</u> WFB 13	300	Bequest	d. 2-14-1927
Rachel E. Lee	?	Robert E. Lee life estate to Robert Lee, husband of Rachel	?	9-25-1905	<u>wills</u> JJS 10	483	Bequest	d. 3-15-1910
Robert Lee (son of Thomas Lee)	Carroll	Rachel E. Lee, wife of Robert	Carroll	11-11-1899	JHB 90	70	Deed fee simple	\$5.00 (1) 128 acres by will (2) 2 acres (3) 27 acres & more (a) 12 acres

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Robert Lee Farm  
2421 Liberty Road

CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR	HOME COUNTY	GRANTEE	HOME COUNTY	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANS- ACTION	COMMENTS
Thomas Lee	Carroll	Robert Lee	?	?? 1851 probated 12- 1-1851	<u>wills</u> JB 1	622	Bequest	
Silas Bennett, etal heirs of Larkin Bennet	Balto. City Carroll	Thomas Lee	?	6-12-1850	JBB 11	335	Deed Indenture	\$1,337.50, 125 + acres Tevis Chance, Costly, This or None

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*See 1/4 Inches to the Inch* **LOUISVILLE** *J.W. Borden*



John Deckerbaugh, Manufact  
and Collars. Shop on  
west of Freedom Post off  
Wm. M. Hines, Physician and  
dances, one mile west of  
Capt. Thomas Paynter, Coach  
and Practical Miner.  
J. Wadlow & Son, Dealers in  
Boots, Shoes, Hardware,  
Clothes, Palms, Oils, Dye  
Goods, Hats, Caps, etc.  
kept in a country store,  
for cash or country prod  
Zimmerman & Shultz, Dealer  
and Groceries. Sydnor  
Charles A. Warfield, Dairy  
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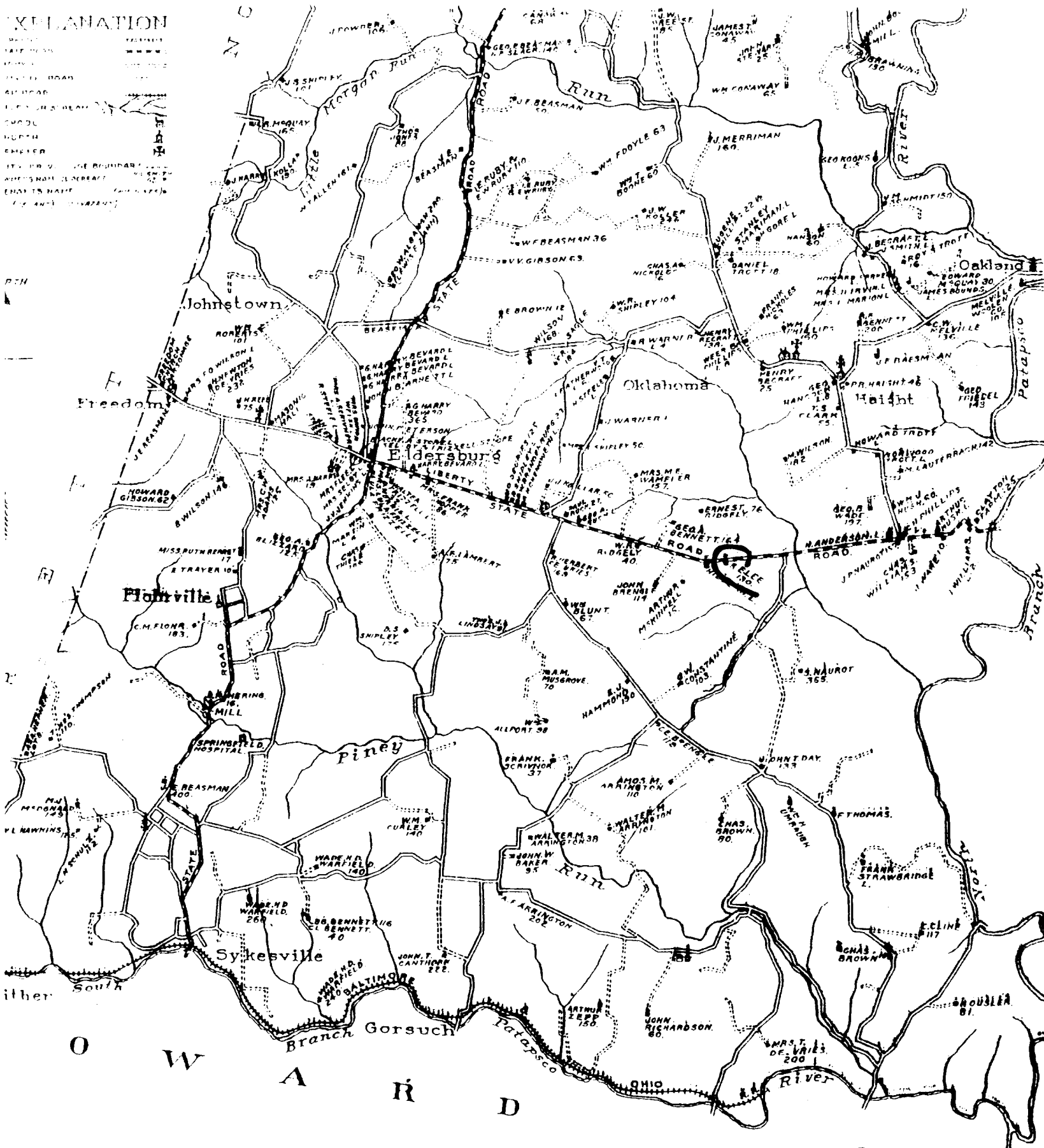
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1 Surgeon. (Office at real-  
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Geologist, Geological Surveyor.

John M. Berry, Proprietor of Hotel. Sykesville.  
William Davis, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, No-  
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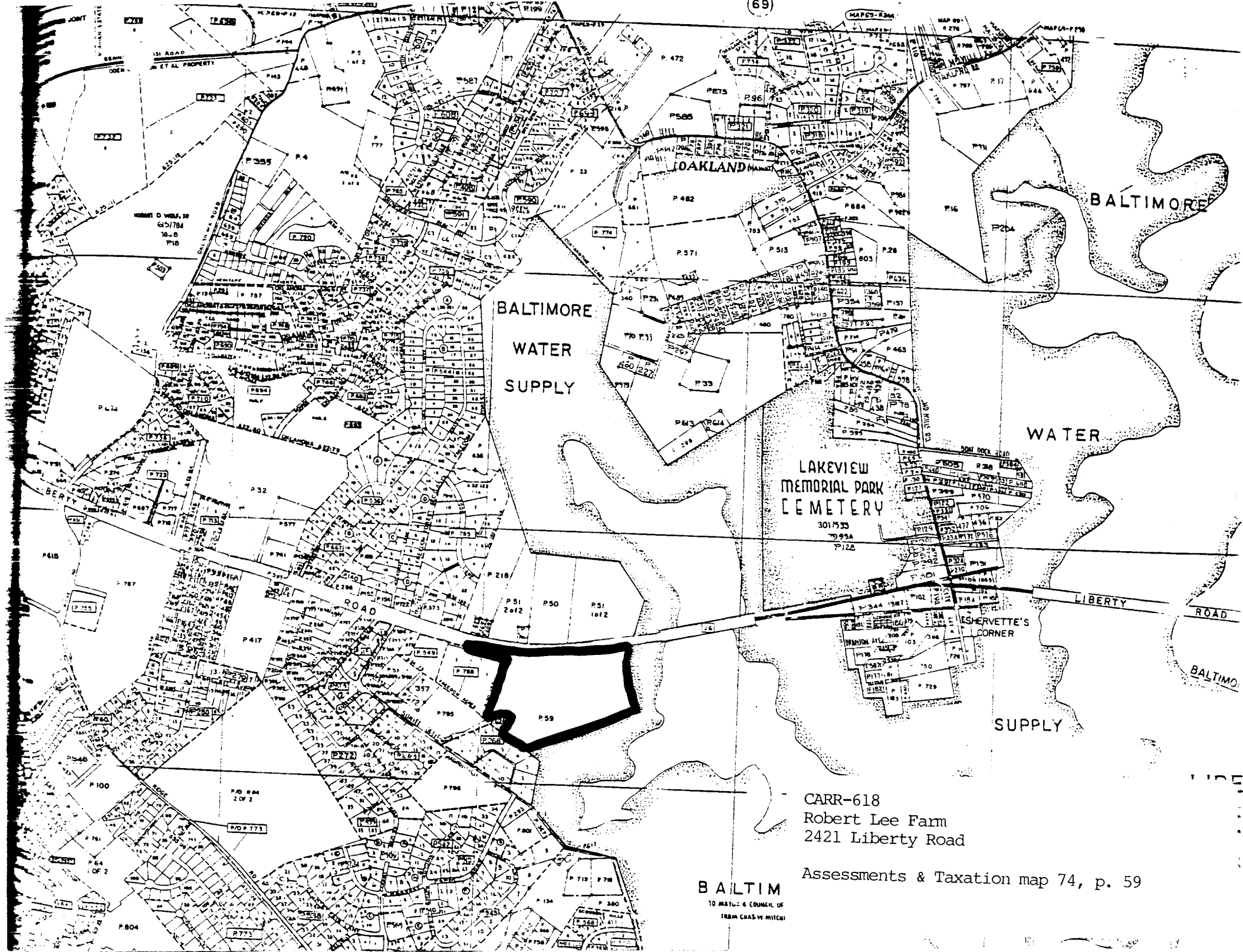
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George C. Minor, Manufacturer of Carriages, Buggies,

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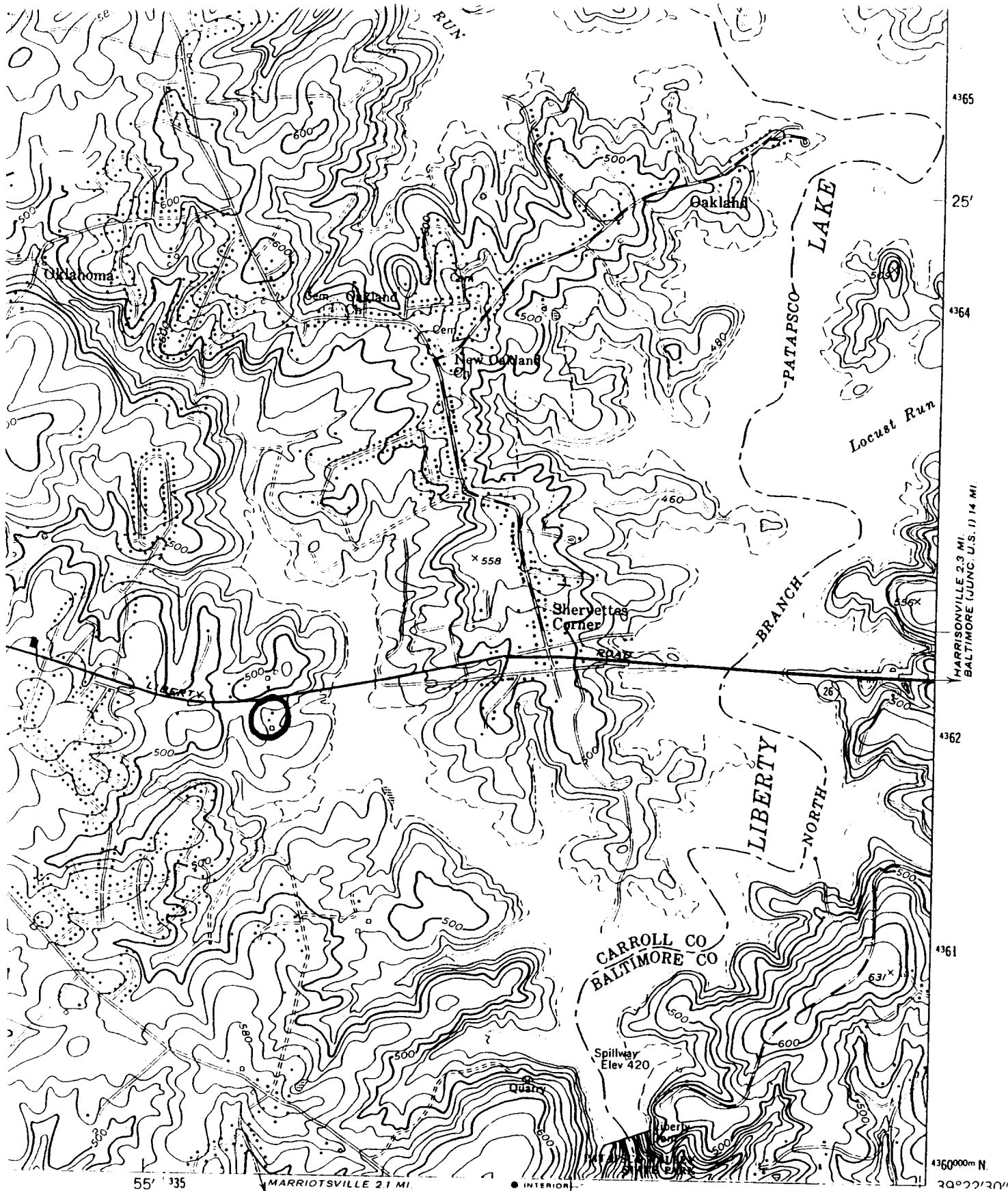


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FROM CHAS. W. MITCHELL





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Robert Lee Farm  
2421 Liberty Road

Heavy duty - 2421 Liberty Road  
Medium duty - Finksburg quad



FINKSBURG, MD.



Robert Lee Farm

2421 Liberty Rd.

Carroll County, Maryland

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Robert Lee Farm  
2421 Liberty Rd.  
Carroll County, Maryland  
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east room mantel

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Lee Farm

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

2421 Liberty Road (MD 26)

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

☒ VICINITY OF Eldersburg

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Carroll County**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE



CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
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 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE
 

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The Lee farm is located on the south side of Liberty Road (Md. Rt. 26) approximately two miles east of Eldersburg in Carroll County, Maryland. The farmhouse and outbuildings are set among rolling farmland and woods.

The farmhouse is comprised of a 2½ story rectangular main block, four bays wide by one bay deep, and a two-story rear (south) ell which is two bays wide by two bays deep. The house is gable-roofed and covered with metal roofing. A brick chimney is located in the center of the main block, and on the ell there is another brick interior end chimney. Novelty siding sheathes the house, which is built on a stone foundation.

The main (north) facade contains four evenly spaced six-over-six windows on the second floor. On the first floor a doorway with a rectangular four-light transom is flanked by two similar windows, leaving a blank bay to the west of the doorway.

A one-story porch on short stone piers with lattice work in between extends along the front (north) facade, supported by five posts with simple wooden decoration. There is also a one-story screened-in porch with a rear doorway on the inner wall of the rear wing.

To the south of the house are several outbuildings. Close to the house are several small frame sheds, and further south is a larger frame barn on a stone foundation.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION****LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

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NAME: Lee Farm

ADDRESS: 2421 Liberty Road, Eldersburg, Carroll County, Maryland.

DESCRIPTION: The Lee farm is located on the south side of Liberty Road (Md. Rt. 26) approximately two miles east of Eldersburg in Carroll County, Maryland. The farmhouse and outbuildings are set among rolling farmland and woods.

The farmhouse is comprised of a 2-1/2 story rectangular main block, four bays wide by one bay deep, and a two-story rear (south) ell which is two bays wide by two bays deep. The house is gable-roofed and covered with metal roofing. A brick chimney is located in the center of the main block, and on the ell there is another brick interior end chimney. Novelty siding sheathes the house, which is built on a stone foundation.

The main (north) facade contains four evenly spaced six-over-six windows on the second floor. On the first floor a doorway with a rectangular four-light transom is flanked by two similar windows, leaving a blank bay to the west of the doorway.

A one-story porch on short stone piers with lattice work in between extends along the front (north) facade, supported by five square posts with simple wooden decoration. There is also a one-story screened-in porch with a rear doorway on the inner wall of the rear wing.

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ACREAGE: Approximately 10 acres.

BOUNDARIES: On the north, along the edge of the existing roadway; on the west, outside line of bushes west of house; on the south, along fenceline south of outer barns; on east, inside line of trees along field east of house.

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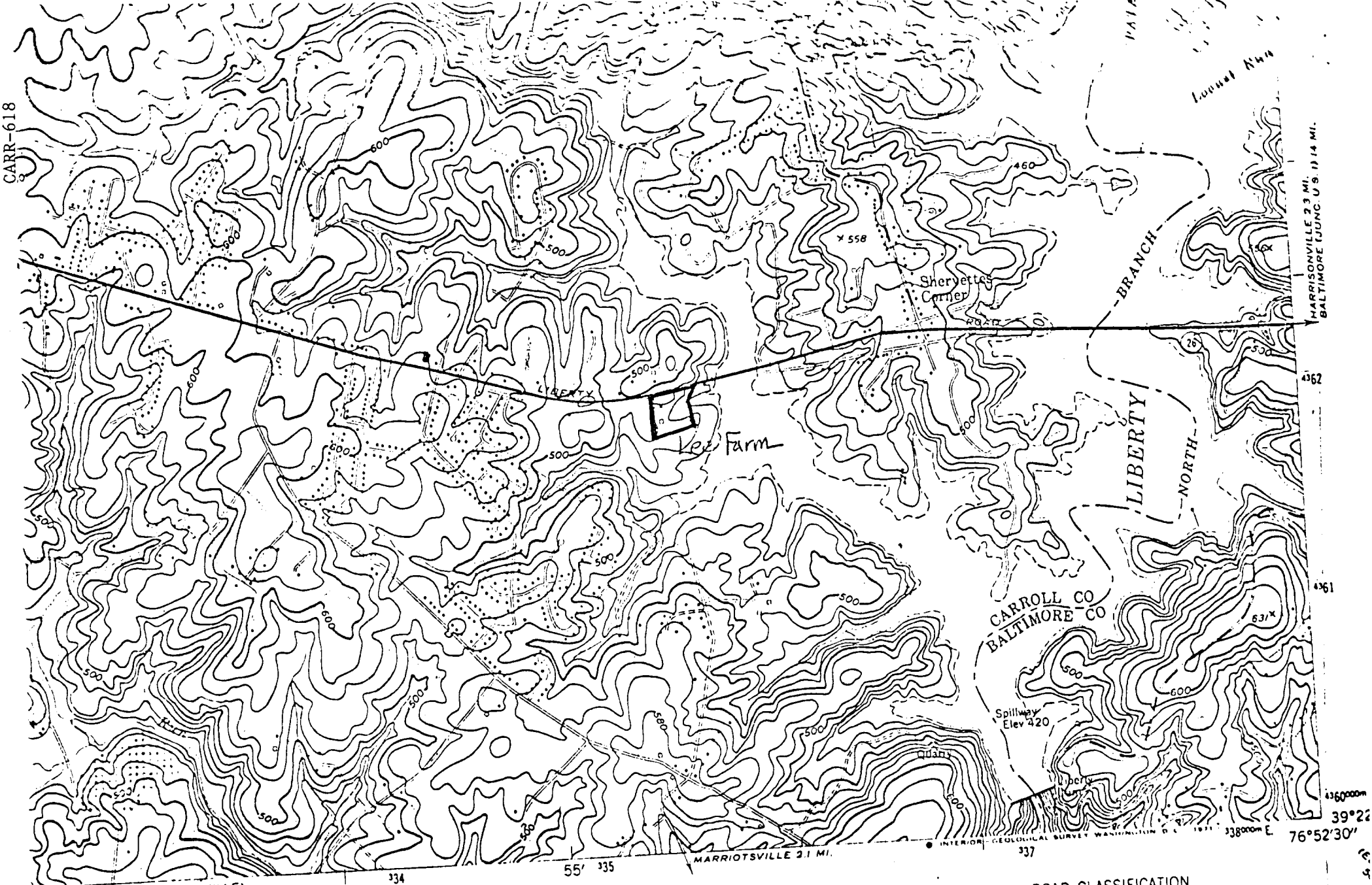
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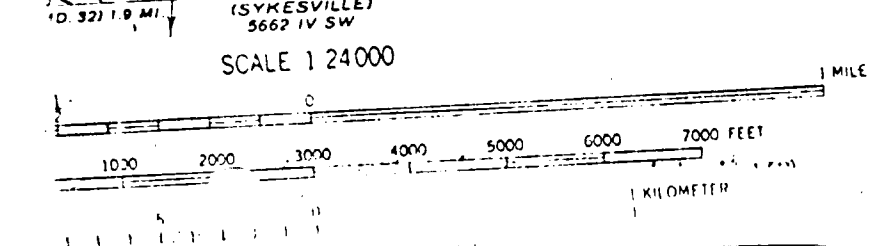
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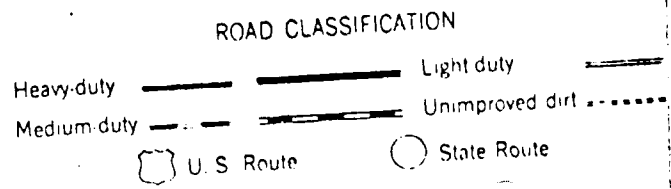
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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Medium duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———  
U.S. Route State Route

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